

SENATE BILL 2083
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AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 238 in Montgomery County in honor of Roscoe Pickering.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has been asked to name certain byways and bridges in honor of those outstanding public servants whose efforts have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Pickering was a leader in the Port Royal Community for many years, having been born and raised in the area; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Pickering was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1969 and served there for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Pickering served with the greatest integrity and intelligence as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee during the 91st - 93rd Assemblies. He was a noted member of the State Transportation Committee; the Montgomery Livestock Association, which he ably served as President; the Tennessee Livestock Association; the Farm Bureau Board; and the Montgomery Farmers Cooperative; and an honorary member of the Block and Bridle Club at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, some of Roscoe Pickering's proudest accomplishments were being Co-Sponsor of the legislation to create the Veterinary School at the University of Tennessee; an instrumental leader in the naming of Dunbar Cave and Port Royal Park as State Parks; and a tireless advocate for bringing Warfield Boulevard to fruition and improving Wilma Rudolph Boulevard; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Red River located on State Route 238/Port Royal Road in Montgomery County is

hereby designated as the "Roscoe Pickering Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this gifted representative of the State House and public servant.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Roscoe Pickering Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if Montgomery County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Montgomery County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Montgomery County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Montgomery County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Montgomery County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.